

Partnerships for the Community

Burlington Weed & Seed has partnered with local churches and individuals, in addition to the IRS and the Department of Justice, to provide the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program to our community. If you are a low-income resident, you can benefit from our services. Our IRS trained volunteers will prepare your taxes for free.

The money you save can be used to build wealth in your household and our community.

Burlington VITA...

We prepare your taxes for free.

This is your first opportunity to save, but there's more...



We see if you qualify for refundable credits...

Earned Income Credit—up to \$4,000 per year*
Child Tax Credit—up to \$1,000 per child*



We file your taxes electronically for free...

so that your refund can be in your bank account in little more than a week.



Give us an opportunity to help you!



GLEN HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH



Burlington Weed & Seed Initiative VITA

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VITA

IT'S YOUR
MONEY,
YOU EARNED IT

**FREE TAX PREPARATION
SERVICE**



**Please call
336-570-6530
For appointments**

**Assistance provided
all year**

Why File?

Each tax year many local communities like ours, leave **millions of dollars that could have been invested/spent in our communities** sitting in the US Treasury. This is money that can help to improve our communities, one family at a time. Why one family at a time? Because we can only access this money if we file our tax returns and find out if our individual families qualify for these credits.

This money is the result of the Earned Income Credit (EIC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). For example, if you are a family of 3 and earned less than \$40,000* last year, you may qualify for both of these credits, that is, as much as **\$4,000* from the EIC and another \$1,000* from the CTC**. Many low income earners do not file tax returns because they know they don't earn enough to owe taxes. What many of us forget is that we may qualify for these credits, even if we don't owe taxes. If we do owe taxes, these and other credits can reduce what we have to pay.

Let us do your taxes for **FREE** and get these credits that you have earned.

Do **NOT** use rapid refunds, which are actually **LOANS** with **VERY HIGH** interest rates.



File your taxes for **FREE** and get what's yours

What to Bring to an Appointment

- Picture ID—driver's license, state id
- Social Security Card and/or ITIN Card of filer and dependents
- Income documents—W-2s, 1099s, etc.
- Documentation of health, education, mortgage, charitable, child/dependent care expenses or contributions
- Copy of last year's tax return

Tips for Wise Investment of Tax Refunds (from EITC Carolinas)

- Invest in an interest-bearing savings account or CD
- Payoff credit cards and establish good credit
- **Catch up** on late rent, car payment, etc.
- Invest in an **Individual Development Account (IDA)** where savings are matched to purchase a first home, pay for education, or business startup.
- Invest in a reliable form of **transportation**
- Buy a reliable form of **healthcare insurance**.
- Buy life insurance for your

family.

- Start an **education savings plan** for your children
- **Buy** appliances or furniture, **instead of renting** them
- Start an **emergency fund** to cover 3-6 months of expenses

Why Volunteer?

- **Pride in helping your community and being part of a national effort**
- **IRS-VITA certification**
- **Valuable tax knowledge**

